OVERALL RANK

34/75

33 out of 57 cities in large metro areas

OVERALL SCORE

28%

70/250 total points

Total possible points

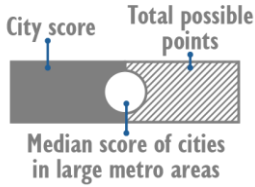City score

Median score of cities in large metro areas

2024 CITY CLEAN ENERGY SCORECARD

Fresno, CA

Fresno is in the middle of the pack among its peers, but it rose in the rankings from the previous scorecard. Fresno performed best in the community energy infrastructure category and has the most room to improve in the community-wide initiatives category.

Recommendations:

→ *Implement affordability requirements in buildings incentives programs.*

→ *Set and track progress toward VMT reduction goals.*

→ *Establish building energy performance standards to reduce energy use and GHG emissions.*

→ *Work with utilities to formalize partnerships with community-based organizations.*

→ *Create or expand bike networks that connect people with a variety of destinations.*

→ *Implement inclusive procurement and contracting processes.*

The following sections highlight Fresno's performance on a few key metrics that ACEEE Scorecard *authors identified as high impact. To learn more about Fresno's* Scorecard *results, visit* https://www.aceee.org/city-clean-energy-scorecard.

COMMUNITY-WIDE INITIATIVES

0/45 Points

Fresno has a goal to reduce GHG emissions, but there was not sufficient emissions data to determine if it is on track to meet this goal. Because of limited information, we were unable to determine Fresno's approach to community engagement or workforce development.

BUILDING POLICIES

21.5/70 Points

Fresno complies with California building codes but has not adopted more stringent codes. The city adheres to the EV-, solar-, and electric-readiness requirements in the state codes. Fresno has a weatherization program for energy-saving installations for low-income families.

TRANSPORTATION POLICIES

19/70 Points

California's SB 9 allows lots in single-family zones throughout the state to be split into two lots and allows up to two units to be built on each lot, which applies to residential zones in Fresno. The California building code requires multifamily properties with 20 or more units to install level 2 EV chargers in 5% of the total parking spaces. Fresno does not provide subsidized access to efficient transportation options for disadvantaged communities.

COMMUNITY ENERGY INFRASTRUCTURE

27.5/40 Points

Pacific Gas & Electric (PG&E) offers several programs targeted to low-income customers and multifamily properties. While Fresno does not have a formal partnership with PG&E, the city has installed solar panels on municipal buildings, with total capacity of 22.2MW.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT OPERATIONS

2/25 Points

Fresno does not have a comprehensive retrofit program, and we were unable to obtain data on Fresno's municipal fleet or streetlight composition.

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EQUITABLE PRACTICES: 18.5/85.5 POINTS

Each chapter of the City Scorecard *included metrics assessing equitable practices cities are taking to advance clean energy, totaling 85.5 points available across the* Scorecard.